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I JUST
WANTED TO BE
DIFFERENT!



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MAY

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CAPT. EASY

CRIME BUSTER
LIGHTNING JIM WHIPPLE

JOHN CARTER OF MARS

NEW! A THRILLING DICK TRACY STORY!

JOHN CARTER OF MARS

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JOHN CARTER AND THE PRINCESS, DEJAH THORIS, ARE BEING TAKEN TO THE GREEN MARTIAN'S CAPITAL CITY, WHEN THE EARTH MAN IS TRICKED INTO FIGHTING WITH ZAD, MASTER SWORDSMAN — SUDDENLY A FLASH OF LIGHT BLINDS JOHN CARTER AS ZAD KNOCKS THE SWORD FROM HIS HAND!

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GRAB HER, SOLA!

I HAVE HER, PRINCESS



DEJAH THORIS STRIKES THE MIRROR FROM SARKOJA'S GRASP, AS SOLA, THE PRINCESS' MAID, LEAPS IN —

UGH! I'LL CARVE OUT YOUR HEART FOR THIS, EARTH MAN!



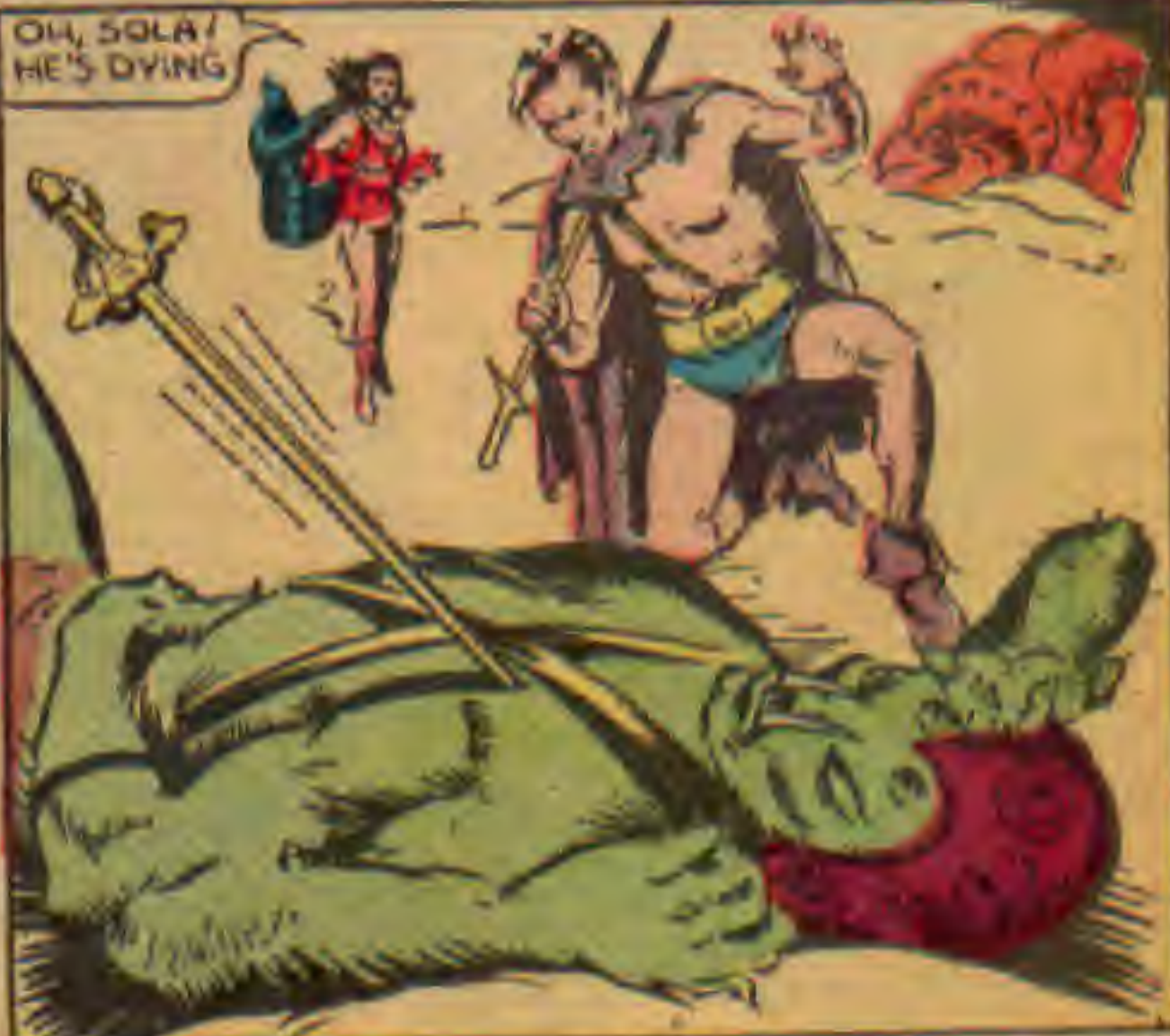
JOHN CARTER LUNGES FOR HIS SWORD, WHILE HE TRIPS THE ONRUSHING ZAD!

IF I DIE — YOU GO WITH ME, ZAD!



ZAD HURLS HIS SWORD — AS JOHN CARTER MAKES A LAST, DESPERATE THRUST!

OH, SOLA! HE'S DYING



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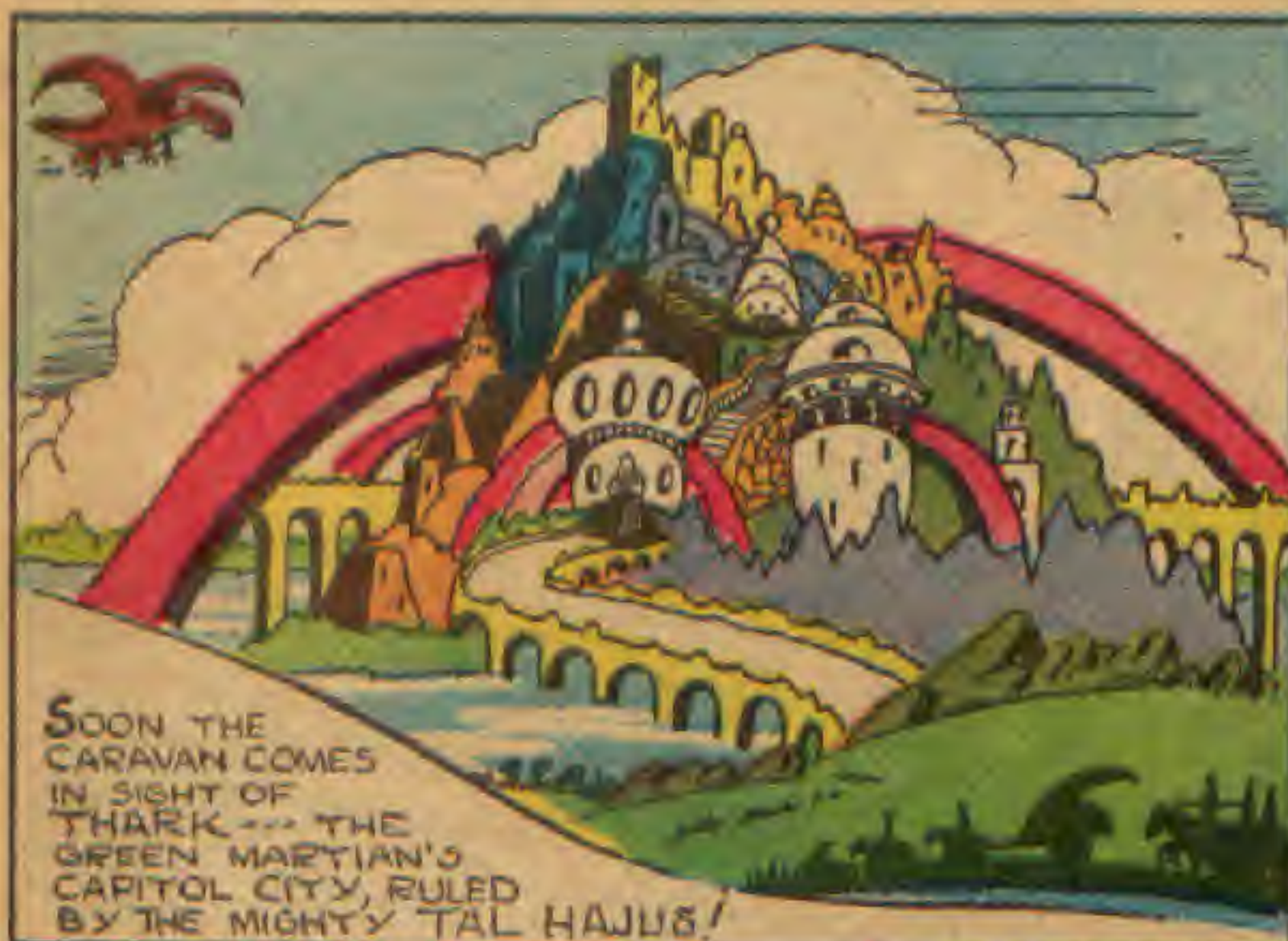
WITH THE HELP OF SOLA, HER FAITHFUL THARKIAN MAID, DEJAH THORIS GETS THE WOUNDED EARTH MAN INTO HER CHARIOT

ZAD'S SWORD ONLY PIERCED YOUR SHOULDER MUSCLE - THIS POWDER WILL HEAL THE WOUND QUICKLY

I NEVER KNEW IT COULD BE PLEASANT TO LIE WOUNDED, DEJAH THORIS.



BETTER TO HAVE DIED BY ZAD'S BLADE, JOHN CARTER, FOR TAL HAJUS WILL KILL YOU ANYWAY, WHEN WE REACH THARK!



SOON THE CARAVAN COMES IN SIGHT OF THARK -- THE GREEN MARTIAN'S CAPITOL CITY, RULED BY THE MIGHTY TAL HAJUS!



TAL HAJUS BRINGS JOHN CARTER AND DEJAH THORIS TO THE COURTROOM OF TAL HAJUS

YOUR MAJESTY, I BRING TWO CAPTIVES -- A PRINCESS OF HELIUM, AND A MAN FROM EARTH



HE SAYS HE'S FROM EARTH, EH? BAH! HE LIES -- TAKE HIM AWAY -- WE'LL KILL HIM TOMORROW -- BUT LEAVE THE RED PRINCESS -- I'LL TORTURE HER TO DEATH NOW -- IN PERSON!



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TARZAN

I'M SORRY YOU MUST DIE, JOHN CARTER—YOU'RE THE ONLY MAN ON BARSOOM I EVER LIKED.

THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY NOW, TARS TARKAS, TO SHOW YOUR FRIENDSHIP!

WITHOUT ANOTHER WORD, TARS TARKAS TURNS AND WALKS AWAY—LEAVING JOHN CARTER A FREE MAN IN THE DANGEROUS CITY OF THORS!

JOHN CARTER FINDS THE FAITHFUL SOLA

QUICK, SOLA! SADDLE OUR THOATS AND WAIT OUTSIDE THE PALACE. WE MUST SAVE DEJAH THORIS!

TARS TARKAS IS TAKING JOHN CARTER TO THE DUNGEONS WHERE HE WILL AWAY DEATH ON THE MORROW.

BARKOJA JUST SAW TARS TARKAS FREE THE EARTH MAN—WE MUST WARN TAL HAJUS!

THEY SAY JOHN CARTER'S SWORD ARM IS EQUAL TO A DOZEN MEN!

JOHN CARTER SCALES THE PALACE WALL

HERE IS TAL HAJUS' MESSAGE OF DEATH TO ALL YOUR CURSED RACE, MY PRINCESS!

—AND HERE IS JOHN CARTER'S MESSAGE TO TAL HAJUS!

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INSTEAD OF DRAWING HIS SWORD IN FAIR FIGHT AGAINST THE EARTHMAN, TAL HAJUS RUSHES AT HIM WITH A POISONED SPEAR.



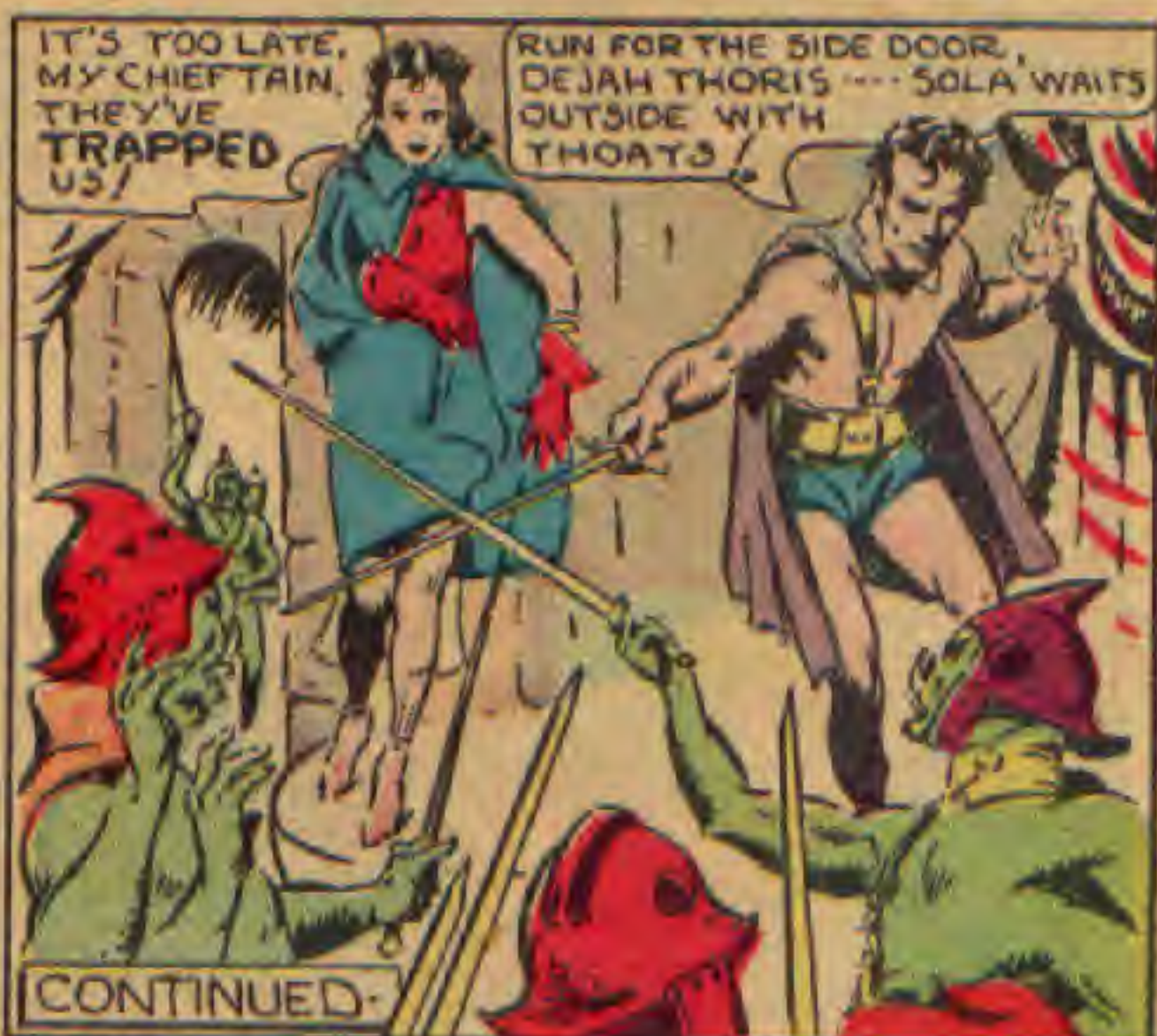
LOOK OUT --- JOHN CARTER!



THIS IS AN OLD EARTH TRICK, MY FAT FRIEND!



BUT HEARING THE FIGHT WITHIN, TAL HAJUS' GUARDS BATTER DOWN THE COURT ROOM DOOR!



IT'S TOO LATE, MY CHIEFTAIN. THEY'VE TRAPPED US!

RUN FOR THE SIDE DOOR, DEJAH THORIS --- SOLA WAITS OUTSIDE WITH THOATS!

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